

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A disk drive apparatus comprising:

a disk drive body including a front face having an insertion opening for a disk and side faces substantially parallel to a recording surface of an inserted disk; and

a decorative panel covering approximately the entire surface of the side faces and being disposed so as to be detachable from the side faces.

2. (Currently Amended) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 1, wherein said decorative panel comprises:

a flat panel portion shaped as a rectangle by having a periphery thereof with longer-sides and shorter-sides; and

shorter-side members disposed along the shorter-sides of the flat panel portion; ~~each shorter-side member; and~~

at least one shorter-side engagement member comprising one of a first engaging piece and a first engaging groove provided at said shorter side members for engagement with the disk drive body.

3. (Withdrawn) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein said decorative panel further comprises:

a plurality of said one of first engaging pieces and first engaging grooves; and

second engaging pieces for engagement with the above-mentioned disk drive body, the number of which is less than the number of said one of the first

engaging pieces and the first engaging grooves, and being disposed at the longer-side members.

4. (Currently Amended) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein said decorative panel further comprises:

a plurality of said shorter-side engagement members; and

longer-side members disposed along the longer-sides of the flat panel portion, ~~the number of which is less than the number of said shorter-side members, each longer-side member;~~ and

at least one longer-side engagement member comprising one of a second engaging piece and a second engaging groove provided at said longer side members for engagement with the disk drive body,

wherein the number of longer-side engagement members is less than the number of shorter-side engagement members.

5. (Withdrawn) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein said decorative panel has a second engaging piece which is disposed at the longer-side members for engagement with the disk drive body; and

the second engaging piece is formed so as to be smaller than the first engaging piece.

6. (Currently Amended) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein

said decorative panel further comprises:

has longer-side members disposed along the longer-sides of the flat panel portion;
~~each longer-side member; and~~

at least one longer-side engagement member comprising one of a second
engaging piece and a second engaging groove provided at said longer side
members for engagement with the disk drive body; ~~and,~~

wherein the longer-side engagement members are formed so as to be smaller than
the shorter-side engagement members.

7. (Currently Amended) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein

said disk drive body is disposed in the vicinity of said one of first engaging piece
and first engaging groove in a state in which the decorative panel is installed
on the disk drive body, and the disk drive body has a recess portions disposed
so as to oppose to the shorter-side members.

8. (New) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 1, wherein said decorative
panel comprises:

a flat panel portion shaped as a rectangle by having a periphery thereof with
longer-sides and shorter-sides;

shorter-side members disposed along the shorter-sides of the flat panel portion;
and

at least one shorter-side engagement member comprising one of a first engaging piece and a first engaging groove provided at said shorter side members mechanically interlocked with the disk drive body.